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| For: NOVEL COMBINATION OF             | ) |                            |
| LOTEPREDNOL AND                       | ) |                            |
| ANTIHISTAMINES                        | ) |                            |
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**Kindly amend claims 1-9 and 11 as follows:**

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of  
 loteprednol or a pharmaceutically tolerable ester thereof and at least one antihistamine.

2. (Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the antihistamine is a topically administrable antihistamine.